## High Prairie Wind Farm I, LLC High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC FPL Energy Mower County, LLC

March 14, 2006

Dr. Burl W. Haar Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: 161 kV Transmission Line and 16 1kV Substation

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with the Power Plant Siting Act, this letter serves as the required notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) that High Prairie Wind Farm I, LLC, High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC, and FPL Energy Mower County, LLC, (the Applicants) have elected to seek local approval for the construction of a new 161 kV substation and 161 kV transmission line in Mower County, Minnesota. A fact sheet that provides more detail on the project is enclosed.

The Applicants submitted a Conditional Use Permit application and Environmental Assessment to Mower County on March 10, 2006. Mower County has been informed that they have 60 days to refer the permitting process to the PUC.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Daryl Franklin, Director, Mower County Environmental Services, (507) 437-9560 or darylf@co.mower.mn.us, or me at (713) 265-0249 or bob.crowell@horizonwind.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter

Sincerely,

Robert Crowell

Enclosure

CC: General List of Interested Persons – w/encl.

Bob Cupid, PUC - w/encl.

Larry Hartman, Department of Commerce - w/encl.

## PROPOSED PROJECT

High Prairie Wind Farm I, LLC and FPL Energy Mower County, LLC propose to construct, operate, maintain, and own the new 161 kV substation in Section 23 of Clayton Township in Mower County, Minnesota. The two companies, along with High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC, also propose to construct, operate, maintain, and own the new seven-mile 161 kV transmission line. The alternating current transmission line will connect the proposed High Prairie Wind Farm, currently under review by the PUC for a Site Permit, to the Adams Substation in Lodi Township.

## PROJECT PURPOSE

The proposed 161 kV HVTL is intended to connect power produced from the proposed High Prairie Wind Farm to the grid by connecting the proposed Substation to the Adams Substation. The Applicants have executed interconnection agreements with Alliant Energy and the Midwest Independent System Operator to connect the HVTL to the Adams Substation. The Wind Farm is intended to supply power to Xcel Energy that was solicited through Xcel's 2001 All Source Solicitation Process. The major benefit of this transmission line and substation is that it will allow wind energy that is needed by Xcel Energy to be delivered to the market.

